

To: Hermann, Karl[Hermann.Karl@epa.gov]
From: Dewald, Tommy
Sent: Mon 8/10/2015 6:49:11 PM
Subject: RE: Animas River - Fire Drill

Will do – thanks.

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From: Hermann, Karl
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 2:44 PM
To: Dewald, Tommy; Young, Dwane
Cc: Reid, Wendy; Ostrander, David; Spence, Sandra; McComb, Martin
Subject: RE: Animas River - Fire Drill

Tommy and Dwane,

I stopped by our Regional Operations Center and ran into Marty McComb. Marty said to give him a call (303-312-6963).

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**From:** Dewald, Tommy  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 12:37 PM  
**To:** Hermann, Karl  
**Subject:** RE: Animas River - Fire Drill

Thanks Karl. Hope you're doing well these days!

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**From:** Hermann, Karl  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 2:12 PM  
**To:** Ostrander, David  
**Cc:** Spence, Sandra; Dewald, Tommy  
**Subject:** FW: Animas River - Fire Drill

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Importance: High

I'm going to need some help with a fire drill regarding the mine spill into the Animas River in Colorado.

Dave Evans wants to know what sort of assistance AWPD and the water monitoring program in Region 8 can provide for the effort, to "assist the Regions in assessing, modeling, understanding the impacts of the spill". Dave asked that we contact the Regional water program also, to see how they are involved and how the water program capabilities may help the response team. At the moment, I think they are just looking for ideas of how we can help, not the actual results, though those would likely need to follow soon.

Ideas – let me know how feasible these would be

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Dave is contacting ORD to ask about modeling capabilities they may have. He has also

contacted Lynda Hall and Jim Havard asking about Doug and Dwight's expertise.

Any other ideas?

Thanks,

Wendy

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Wendy Reid

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From: Evans, David
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 12:19 PM
To: Reid, Wendy
Cc: Best-Wong, Benita
Subject: FW: Animas River

Wendy,

Here are the email communications I just mentioned.

I'll check in with ORD on their modeling capabilities, and you check in with any others you wish in AWPD and Region 8 monitoring program to identify what our capabilities are, and extent to which Region 8 may already have effectively involved water monitoring experts.

Thanks, and let me know any questions.

Dave

From: Best-Wong, Benita
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 10:34 AM
To: Evans, David
Subject: FW: Animas River

Dave please follow up with Susan and others to see how we can assist.
Thanks

Sent from my Windows Phone

From: Kopocis, Ken
Sent: 8/10/2015 7:06 AM
To: Gilinsky, Ellen
Cc: Best-Wong, Benita; Grevatt, Peter; Southerland, Elizabeth; Sawyers, Andrew; Shapiro, Mike
Subject: RE: Animas River

ORD has been contacted separately. I am looking at what OW might contribute.

From: Gilinsky, Ellen
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 8:05 AM
To: Kopocis, Ken
Cc: Best-Wong, Benita; Grevatt, Peter; Southerland, Elizabeth; Sawyers, Andrew; Shapiro, Mike
Subject: Re: Animas River

I would think ORD has modeling tools to predict effects.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 10, 2015, at 6:52 AM, Kopocis, Ken <Kopocis.Ken@epa.gov> wrote:

I have seen some traffic over the weekend and have been following the mine waste spill

into the Animas River.

To what extent do we have the ability to assist the Regions in assessing, modeling, understanding the impacts of the spill?

Unfortunately, the news keeps getting worse.

Let's be prepared to discuss at staff meeting, if not before.

Ken Kopocis

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